



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-1618P2C46  
Serial No.: 09/903,520 Group Art Unit: 1646  
Filing Date: July 11, 2001 Examiner: Andres, Janet L.  
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**MS: RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

A Final Office Action was mailed on April 28, 2004 in the above identified application. This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and is timely filed with a Petition for extension of time for three months with necessary fees. Also attached herewith is a Declaration by Sherman Fong, Ph.D. with five exhibits: (1) Current Protocols in Immunology, Vol. I, Unit 3.12 by Richard Coico, (2) an article by Ralph Steinman, (3) an article by Gubler et al., (4) an article by Peterson et al., and (5) an article by Thurner et al. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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